Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Are Government following the principle of communal rotation in these appointments?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Do you think there is any justification for appointing another Jewish lady in the Medical Department on communal consideration?

Mr. President: That question does not arise.

GRANT-IN-AID DISPENSARY AT KALLETTUMKARA

47. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have received a copy of the resolutions passed at a public meeting held at Kallettumkara on 21st Chingam 1117 under the presidentship of Rev. Fr. Joseph Thekkuden;

(*b*) is it a fact that one of the resolutions of the meeting relates to the hardship caused to the people, because the grant-in-aid dispensary at Kallettumkara remained closed after 1st Chingam 1117;

(*c*) what was the reason for closing the dispensary and what action was taken in the matter?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The dispensary remained closed for a short time, because no medical officer willing to work there was available. However, work in the dispensary has since been started from 9th November 1941.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Have the Government recognised that much hardship will be caused to the people if the hospital is closed for even a few days?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* This is not a hospital, Sir, but only a rural medical dispensary run by a rural medical practitioner which is not a government dispensary at all. We tried to get persons for that post. But nobody else came to work.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Did you advertise the post in the Gazette?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

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